

JANUARY 29, 2012



FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

St. Thomas of Villanova is an Augustinian Roman Catholic Community. As the Body of Christ, we share our time, talent and treasure to fulfill our Baptismal commitment. Following the example of St. Thomas of Villanova, our patron, we take as our challenge the mission of Jesus and strive to love and experience God through worship, social justice, education and evangelization.

STEWARDSHIP
changes lives

Stewardship Thought for the Week

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.”
1 Corinthians 7:32

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never truly receive anything.

Thank you for your participation in God’s Plan for Giving. Your generosity for weekend of January 21 and 22, 2012:

Number of Envelopes	356
Envelope Amount	\$16,423.47
Loose Cash	\$1,099.00
Electronic Offerings	\$8,824.00
Other	\$285.00
Total	\$26,631.47
Income for Jan. 23, 2011	\$19,241.20



A Note from Fr. Joe

Greetings! As I write this, I’ve returned to the office for the first time since my surgery. All went well. Thank you for the prayers, well wishes, and support! I appreciate too all that Fr. Art and the Parish Staff did – and continues to do – to help cover things. As you might imagine, there’s a lot to catch up on (you should see my email inbox!) and I need to build back up to full-time ministry. Hopefully that will happen by this weekend. Among other things, we will have celebrated 1st Reconciliation on Saturday, the 28th. Congratulations to all our boys and girls and their parents/guardians!

This week we will join others throughout the Archdiocese in celebrating our Catholic schools. Please see the calendar of events in this bulletin for our own St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool. And let’s especially keep in our prayers those affected by the proposed school closings and mergers, including our sister parish – Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.

In memory of St. Blaise, we will be blessing throats at the 12:05pm Mass this First Friday, February 3rd at the Rosemont Chapel. As usual, we also will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please stop by, if you have some time, and take the opportunity for prayer and reflection.

Finally, if you see Fr. Art, please wish him a Happy Anniversary! This Thursday, the 2nd, he will have been an Augustinian priest for 49 years. We’ll have to start planning for the big 50th in 2013. In the meantime, I better get to that inbox!

God Bless!
Fr. Joe



**FIRST FRIDAY
SOLEMN EXPOSITION
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Friday, February 3, 2012

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one hour following the 12:05 Mass in the Rosemont Chapel of St. Thomas of Villanova.

The solemn exposition of the Holy Eucharist offers the opportunity to the people of God for prayerful reflection on our call to a deeper devotion to the Holy Eucharist and a more faithful living of the Christian Life.

Please join us.



*Mass Intentions
For the Week*

Mon., January 30th 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday
Tues., January 31st 12:05PM-RMCH	St. John Bosco
Wed., February 1st 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday
Thurs., February 2nd 12:05PM-RMCH	The Presentation of the Lord
Fri., February 3rd 12:05PM-RMCH	Weekday
Sat., February 4th 9:00AM-RMCH 5:00PM-RMCH	Weekday Elizabeth George - Family
Sun., February 5th 7:30AM-VNCH 9:00AM-RMCH 10:30AM-VNCH	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Anne Marie Rodolico - Hennessy & Rodolico Families Daniel Hemcher III - Patricia Hemcher

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday	Sir 4:7:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 1:29-39

“Masses in Interpreted American Sign Language”

We have an American Sign Language Interpreter at the 9:00am Mass in the Rosemont Chapel on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month. The Interpreter will be here on February 12, 2012.

PARISH CENTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY— FRIDAY: 9:00am - 4:30pm

*The Parish Center is closed from
12:00pm-1:00pm: Monday - Friday*

STV YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Time Changes for Youth Group Meetings:

Middle School group will be meeting in the Youth Room on Sundays at 10:10am.

The **High School group** will be moving to every other Sunday. The next meeting is on February 5th at 7:15pm to 8:30pm.

**Schedule of Events for
the week**

of: January 29, 2012
**Recitation of the Rosary after
the daily Liturgy.**



Monday, January 30, 2012

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Preschool Prayer Service in Aud	9:15AM
Golden Living Ministry	10:00AM
Art Class - PC1	11:00AM
Women's Lecture Series in Aud	7:00PM

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

OLBS Mentors	2:30PM
Bible Study - PC2	7:00PM
Choir Practice - VNCH	7:00PM

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Exercise Class - Aud	10:00AM
Honickman	12:45PM
Religious Education Program	4:30PM
Pilates - Aud	6:00PM

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Walking with Purpose - Aud	9:00AM
Bible Study - PC2	10:30AM
Walking with Purpose - Aud	7:00PM
REP Catechist Meeting - PC2	7:00PM
IHN Board Meeting - PC1	7:30PM

Friday, February 3, 2012

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 12:05 Mass

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Women's Basketball Game at Pavilion	2:00PM
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Sunday, February 5, 2012

Word of God	9:00AM
Baptism - RMCH	9:00AM
Religious Education Program	10:10AM
Youth Group - Middle School	10:10AM
Rosemont Presbyterian Village Prayer Service	10:30AM
RCIA	10:45AM
Baptism - VNCH	12:00PM
Youth Group - High School	7:15PM

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF THE
MAIN LINE INVITES YOU TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS!**

Our parish is one of several faith communities in the Main Line area that is committed to helping homeless families in our community to achieve lasting independence. We help to provide safe, temporary housing for a week at a time, four times a year.

Come to an orientation for new volunteers.
Learn about homelessness and how your love
and hope for a better future can change lives.
Saturday, February 11th - 10:30am to Noon
STV Rosemont Parish Center

RSVP Required! Contact: Sue White Herchek at
610-277-0977 or sueherchek@verizon.net.



We extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Parish:

Steve & Meg Brady and Family of St. Davids
Frederick Gresov of Ardmore
Michaela McDonald of Ardmore

Resting in Peace:

Sr. Veronica Brooks, R.S.M.
Rev. William A. McGuire, O.S.A.

Remember those in need of our prayers, especially:

Julia Barlow, Rita Burns, Patrick Campbell, Marty and Peggy Caulfield, Mary Ann Dadourian, Mary Jane DiCarlo, Bob Ellison, John Finley, Jack Geraghty, Theresa Green, Robert Giuliano, Patricia Ann Harley, Ellen Heiser, Mary Iannacone, Bridget Kelly, Garrett P. McAleer (baby), Rita O'Connor, Dante Roccario, Alice Rogers, Debbie Scalpato, Dan Schultz

Please pray for our soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYERLINE

The parish prayerline is waiting for your prayer request. This week call Helen Viggiano at 610-527-3933 to activate the parish prayerline. Two parish teams are available for your special intentions.

PROJECT HOPE

This is a transportation ministry for our Parish. If you need a ride to your medical appointments or to food shop this week, please call Anne Hennessy at 610-525-2112. Please give at least 3 days notice.

DINNERS TO THE DOORSTEP

This ministry is for parish families who are in crisis or for parish couples welcoming a new baby. Homemade dinners are delivered. Two parish coordinators keep a list of volunteers who are called as needed. If you are in need of this delicious community support, please call Maria Gunn at 610-291-3945.

ST. FRANCIS INN

We are forming a parish work group to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in Kensington on Sunday, February 19th. The Inn tries to meet the immediate daily needs of the poor and homeless people they serve with food, clothing and hospitality. For more information and to sign up, contact our parish coordinators, Ruth and Joe Reeder at 610-662-2055 or villanovaruth@aol.com.

NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons is a parish ministry that helps you with job loss, career changes, retirement, relocation, etc. — One on One mentoring by very qualified parishioners. This ministry is designed to provide information, guidance and assistance in dealing with change. Please contact Paul Frank at STVNewHorizons@aol.com or 412-370-0299 for more information.



Make this Valentine's Weekend extraordinary and romantic. Plan to attend the upcoming Living in Love weekend workshop. It's the best gift you can give each other and your marriage this year. Workshops are led by parish couples with plenty of time for you and your spouse to share alone privately.

If you are considering working with the engaged couples of the parish, this is the initial training for "Preparing to Live in Love", our parish pre-cana mentoring program. Living in Love offers liberating insight into how differently men and women prefer to achieve intimacy and help couples get in touch with the resources that draw them to each other and fuel their passion. Includes a romantic Sat. eve meal.

Date: February 11-12th, 2012

Time: Sat. 8am-9pm, Sun. 8am-3pm

Place: Rosemont Auditorium

Childcare may be available upon request.

For more information or to register contact Dave and Stephanie D'Arcangelo (610)489-4869 or darkangels5@verizon.net or see website www.livinginlove.org

ST. THOMAS READS

ST. THOMAS READS is looking forward to our discussion groups in March with lots of people participating. For those who have not yet read our One Book selection this year, OUTCASTS UNITED, we have a few copies to lend.

We invite you to borrow a book from our "Lending Library"! Please email or phone Gerri Burton to arrange to borrow a copy:

gerriburton@comcast.net or 610-527-3853.



**THE FAMILY LIFE
COMMITTEE**

*of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
Community invites you to*

**Villanova Women's Basketball Team Game
vs.
Providence
Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 2:00pm
at the Villanova Pavilion**

Half-time Refreshments in the
Fitzgerald Suite (VIP) - (behind student
section, above concession stand)

RSVP A MUST — Tickets for those who have
Pre-registered will be available at the Family Life Table
in the lobby of the Pavilion

RSVP by February 1, 2012

Family Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

*Return to parish center, put in collection basket, email Kathy
Roethlein at office@stv.comcastbiz.net.*

Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon.



Fr. Jim Martin, SJ will be speaking at
St. Thomas of Villanova Church
Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm

Fr. Jim is the **Official Chaplain of The Colbert Report**,
is a frequent commentator for CNN, NPR, Fox News,
Time Magazine, and is the award winning author of
My Life with the Saints (2006).

He will be discussing his new book,
**Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and
Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life.**

This event will be co-sponsored by Villanova University
Campus Ministry, St. Thomas of Villanova and Our Mother of
Good Counsel parishes.



Anyone who has lost a loved one,
whether buried from
St. Thomas of Villanova
or not, is invited to join
Fr. Joe for a
Bereavement Evening of Prayer

*"Make Lent a Season for
Healing Your Grief"*

Wednesday Evening February 15th
7:00pm in the Rosemont Parish Center

Everyone is welcome.

Any questions, call Anne Murphy at
610-525-4801
or email service@stv.comcastbiz.net



You are invited to

**The Women of St. Thomas of
Villanova Parish Speaker Series
with the Director of Catholic
Relief Services, Northeast Region**

Maureen McCullough, Esq.

*On Improving the Lives of Women and Children
Around the Globe - The Role of CRS*

Monday, January 30, 2012
7:00pm
Rosemont Auditorium

Bring your friends!

RSVP to: office@stv.comcastbiz.net or online
www.stthomasofvillanova.org or call 610-525-4801.

**(Wine and Cheese Reception)
Bring your friends!**

St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool Celebrates

“Catholic Schools -
Good News in Education”



Activities for Catholic Education Week – January 30th - February 3rd, 2012

Monday January 30, 2012	Parent Appreciation Day Prayer Service, 9:15am Auditorium— Refreshments following
Tuesday January 31, 2012	Student/Teacher Appreciation Day
Wednesday February 1, 2012	Student/Teacher Appreciation Day
Thursday February 2, 2012	Share Your Profession Day - 9:30 - 10:30am Open House 8:45 - 9:30 am
Friday February 3, 2012	Share Your Profession Day - 9:30 - 10:30am Open House 8:45 - 9:30 am

Dear Families and Friends of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish,

St. Thomas of Villanova Preschool will be celebrating Catholic Education Week January 30th to February 3rd. You and your children are welcome to attend our Open House on Thursday and Friday of that week from 8:45am – 9:30am.

If unable to attend any of the Open Houses, please call the school office to arrange a tour if you are interested in registering your child(ren) for September 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
Mary Kurek, Director
STV Preschool
mary.kurek@stvpreschool.org



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH COMMUNITY
INVITES YOU TO AN INFORMATION NIGHT ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012
7:00pm - PARISH CENTER

TOPIC: AN 11 DAY PARISH MISSION TRIP TO CAMBODIA (IN LATE JUNE, 2012)

We will work with New Hope for Cambodian Children Ministry which serves 220 orphaned and abandoned children currently infected with HIV/AIDS - www.newhopeforcambodianchildren.com

Speaker: Joanna Bowen, Coordinator Service Break Experiences, Villanova University

Cost: \$2,600.00 per person which will cover the 22 hour air fare and all living costs
*very primitive living conditions

Questions: Contact Anne Murphy at the Parish at 610-525-4801 or service@stv.comcastbiz.net.

SCHOOL NOTICES

ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

Open House: Sunday, January 29, 2012 - 12:00-2:00pm
Sunday, February 26, 2012 - 12:00-2:00pm

Registrations will be accepted at this time. For further information, contact the school at 610-688-7610, ext. 114.

ST. ALOYSIUS ACADEMY

St. Aloysius Academy, an all-male, K-8, Catholic academy in Bryn Mawr welcomes families to an Open House on Tuesday, January 24 at 9:30am, or Sunday, February 26 at 1:00pm. Private tours are also available by calling the Admissions Office at 610-525-1670 x104.

HOLY CHILD ACADEMY

Students currently in 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades are invited to take an **Entrance Test to Holy Child Academy**. Test dates are Saturday, February 4, 2012 and Thursday, February 16, 2012. Holy Child Academy offers Financial Aid.

Please contact Christine McLaughlin for further details and to register at cmclaughlin@holychildacademy.com or 610-259-271. Holy Child Academy is located at 475 Shadeland Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA

Twilight Tour at Holy Child Academy: Holy Child Academy, 475 Shadeland Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, invites families to a **Twilight Tour on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Holy Child Academy is a co-ed, Catholic, Independent School, Nursery through Grade Eight. Please RSVP by calling Christine McLaughlin at 610-259-2712 or cmclaughlin@holychildacademy.com.

SS. COLMAN — JOHN NEUMANN SCHOOL

Open Houses: Sunday, January 29th - 8:30am-1:00pm
Wednesday, February 1st 9:00am to 11:00am

If you would like to find out more about our school, visit us for a tour of the school. Registration forms may be picked up at this time. If you cannot attend and would like to register, please call our office at 610-525-3266.

ST. KATHERINE DAY SCHOOL

Open House — Tuesday, January 31, 2012 from 9:30-11:30am. If you have a child between the ages of 5 years and 21 years who needs a Special Education Program, please visit our Open House during Catholic Schools' Week. For additional information or if you would like to visit at another time, please call 610-667-3958.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Individuals are invited to take all donations on Saturday, February 4th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm to our truck located at.....

St. Anastasia Church
3301 West Chester Pike
Newtown Square, PA 19073

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL

Open House — Please join students, faculty and families as they welcome visitors to a SUNDAY Open House on January 29, 2012 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. See presentations from Kindergarten, classroom SmartBoards, 1st in Math, Forensics, Literature Circle and much more. No RSVP needed. For more information, check the schools web site at www.stkatharineofsienaschool.org.

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE – Thursday, February 2 - 9:00am-Noon
St. Margaret Elementary School, Narberth invites prospective families to see for themselves what a special place SMS is, thanks to the students and families who believe in our mission. Bring your family to meet our students, faculty and parents and witness our success first hand. Our school meets state curriculum standards and excels with advances in technology across the curriculum. We offer before and after school CARES fully staffed to provide homework help, outdoor play and creative enrichment. Please call Anne Becker, Advancement 610-349-7747 for a personalized tour, come to the Open House and visit us online: www.saint-margaret.org

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

St. James Alumni Association is pleased to announce that they will again be awarding Scholarships to students who plan to attend an archdiocesan high school for the 2012-2013 school year.

Applications for the scholarship and additional information may be obtained by writing the Alumni at 1499 E. 9th Street, Eddystone, PA 19022 or by calling the "Doghouse" at 610-876-2006.

There will be a scholarship information meeting at the "Doghouse" on February 1, 2012 beginning at 7:00pm.

A BABY'S BREATH

Are you interested in being a volunteer? Do you have a Passion to help those in crisis situations? If yes, join us at *A Baby's Breath* in our mission to help a mother see her child take his/her first breath! Attend our OPEN HOUSE to learn more!

When: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00-9:00pm

Where: 827 West Lancaster Avenue (2nd Floor)
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

If you have any questions or just want more information:
abbmainline@gmail.com or call 610-520-2227.